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DRIVEN TO THE WALL.

The state stealers have as many excuses to offer for not consenting to investigate the election at precinct 34 as there are members of their gang. Sanders and Hershfield should have the ex-convict round-up the members-elect that he is herding for them, and instruct them what to say when asked why they decline the democratic proposition for an investigation. They are contradicting one another now. Consistency is a great thing, even in stealing a state.

The republican senators try to wriggle out of their corner by say that the investigation by their body would do no good because the senate is not organized and it would have no power to send for persons and papers.

Well, granting that is so, why didn't the republican representatives-elect accept the proposition of the democratic representatives? The republicans claim that the body that meets in the Granite block is completely organized. If that is so, that body could have instructed a committee to send for persons and papers. The democratic representatives who responded to Gov. Toole's proclamation have a regularly organized body. They could send for persons and papers.

But the republican representatives-elect, like their brethren in the senate, don't want an investigation. They know there was no fraud at precinct 34 and that an investigation would show that fact. The only fraud in this whole business in the first instance was the throwing out of an honest vote in order to give the control of the legislature to the defeated party.

The republicans dare not investigate that election at precinct 34. It would destroy their last pretext for maintaining the deadlock.

STAND FIRM.

The democratic legislators enter up in a new week firmly entrenched in their position and with the respect and support of the great mass of their fellow citizens, regardless of party. They have made every possible concession consistent with honor in offering to join the republicans in a thorough inquiry as to the fairness of the election at the precinct in controversy, and they now have only the plain duty before them of standing firm for the right and preventing the consummation of a fraud that would forever stain our state with dishonor.

The deadlock is disastrous to our state in every way; it is working great injury to business; it is a wrong to our whole people, but a criminal conspiracy planned by desperate, defeated republican candidates for the United States senate is the sole cause of it; and it is the patriotic duty of every democrat, of all good citizens of all parties, to stand like adamant against the infamous crime. Let public execration of their secondarily work fall upon the heads of the men who plotted this terrible crime against the ballot. No lawyers' phrases, no juggling with words, no hair-splitting arguments of the tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee sort should now be tolerated at the conspirators. Put the rascals in the pillory.

DEMORALIZED REPUBLICANS.

The bugle has again sounded retreat to the republican hosts in Iowa, by command of the representative in that state of the national administration, the assistant postmaster general. Something struck the party on Nov. 5, and the leaders and followers were unable to make out for a time just what it was. They were only sure that, whatever it was, it was cyclonic in character and that it had stripped the feathers from the republican chickens and sent the republican sheep scurrying for the tornado cellars. Some of the wise ones in the party were willing to admit that it was the protective tariff that had struck the grand old party square between the shoulders and driven its nose into the gravel; and this diagnosis of the case was in a great measure correct. But a larger number of the party doctors, and particularly those who have worshipped the fetish of protection, ascribed to another agency the calamity that had befallen. A republican legislature, acting for and in behalf of the party and hoping thereby to retain the votes of a faction of visionaries and paternalists who had been making headway in the state, had undertaken to remove social ills by means of the nostrum it enacted. The remedy was worse than the disease; a prohibition that could not be enforced created a contempt of constituted authority and in other ways induced disorders in the bodies politic that were quite as bad as the disease to cure. It is undeniable that the attempt to tastes and appetites of men legislature had something to result of the election. And

now, oblivious of the fact that the republican party had made a virtue of what it secretly regarded as a master stroke of policy and openly avowed the cause of prohibition, Mr. Clarkson writes to a friend in Iowa that the republican party "cannot accomplish the impossible." "The aspiration of the republican party," he says, "is for great and pure things." But as "the ideal is not possible in this world," he advises the repeal of the prohibition law and the substitution for it of a local option law.

Mr. Clarkson was one with his party in the adoption and attempt to enforce this law until, as they believe, that course brought loss of the loaves and fishes. In an hour after the discovery is made that the vaunted vital principle of prohibition is not something to conjure votes with, the word is passed along the line that it is not a principle at all but only an ideal. The party which "has not the divine power to accomplish what is impossible or to perform miracles, but is a human agency, subject to the limitations of human effort," will hereafter be content to let the ideal take care of itself. The boast that the republican party is the party of principle is forgotten in the face of one disaster. "The good, the true and the beautiful" are as nothing compared with the offices. The grand old party is a grand old fraud.

When Daniel Webster began his great speech in reply to Hayne, he likened the senate, then engaged in a long debate, to a ship that had been driven about, tempest tossed, for a week until her bearings had been lost, and with fine effect he called for the reading of the resolution that had given rise to the discussion. Montanians who may have lost their political reckoning in our own stormy time will be interested in reading the clear, impartial and able review of the situation as given in an editorial article in the New York Times which we reproduce on our first page. Keep the clear issue before the people!

What Montana needs more than anything else just now is a nice, new jail, just sufficient to accommodate the republican conspirators who are trying to introduce carpet bag returning methods into the northwest.—St. Louis Republic.

Oh, no; there are jail accommodations enough. There are only five or six of the thieves. The men who are following them are honest in the main. They are simply misguided, that is all. When public opinion has done its perfect work they will perform their duty.

One remarkable thing in the mention of the new statue not touched upon in the message. This was the attempt to steal Montana. Why should Dr. Harrison be so loquacious about some things, and so reticent as to others?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Because in the Montana case he did a wrong act in the face of solemn protest from our citizens, and he had no defense to offer.

Montana should wipe out the stain on her good name by becoming permanently democratic.—Courier Journal.

Trust the democrats of Montana for that; five thousand honest republicans are going to help us to rebuke fraud next year.

The interview with ex-Gov. White which we give in another column, shows that he is of just the stuff that Louisiana returning boards are made. His political career was very brief but quite long enough, and it will never be any longer.

The most convenient business table or desk calendar, for 1890, is the Columbia Bicycle calendar and stand, issued by the Pope Manufacturing company, of Boston, Mass. The calendar proper is in the form of a day of 366 leaves, each 5 1/2 x 2 1/4 inches, one for each day of the year, to be torn off daily, and one for the entire year. A good portion of each leaf is blank for memoranda, and as the leaves are not pasted, but sewed at the ends, any entire leaf can be exposed whenever desired. By an ingenious device, the leaves tear off independently, leaving no stub. The portable stand, which holds the pad, contains pen rack and pencil holder, and is made of soft wood, brass mounted.

CROSS-CUTS.

A man may smile and smile and be a whisky still.—Galveston News.

"She has a Roman nose." "Well, I'm sure I don't know where she gets it. Her father was a Swede and her mother was a Neapolitan."—Harper's Bazar.

Dick—Why have you never married, Jack? Jack—I was going to once, but Providence intervened. I eloped with a Boston girl and we were caught at Providence.—Chicago Journal.

"What influence has the moon upon the tide?" asked the professor. The class was replied that he didn't know exactly what influence it had upon the tide, but that it had a tendency to make the united awfully waxy.—Exchange.

A young man of Warsaw ordered a dress suit from a tailor, who agreed to deliver it on a certain day. Because of the failure of the tailor to send it he could not go, but his rival went, proposed, and was accepted, and the plaintiff now wants damages.

An American nobleman—McClacker—"Why do some of the papers call Russell Harrison 'Prince,' and others the 'Mark of Montana?'" De Tracker—"I don't know. I always thought he was the 'official count' we hear so much about."—Luck.

"Papa," said a boy much given to reading, "I have always seen the phrase 'all right-thinking people,' in the papers. What kind of people are right-thinking people?" "They are the sort of people," said the father, "who think as we do."—Youth's Companion.

The president is fond of driving a high-bred Kentucky horse to a mail wagon. He holds the reins and Mrs. Harrison snugs up to him and chats away just like women who are not president's wives, and the president seems to be an excellent listener, for it is not observed that he talks back.

In a sermon at Natchez Sam Jones said: "While preaching in Kentucky I spoke of raising children, when an old blue-grass

fellow said: 'We raise horses and bring up children.' I told him: 'Yes, you raise horses worth \$5,000 apiece and bring up children worth about \$3 a head.' It is not now probable that Sam will be called to preach in the blue-grass region of Kentucky.—New Orleans Picayune.

The following is an extract from a real composition written by a small schoolboy in New Jersey. The subject given by the teacher was the extensive one of "Man." Here's what the small boy wrote: "Man is a wonderful animal. He has ears, mouth, His ears are mostly for catching cold in and having the earache. The nose is to get sniffles with. A man's body is split half way up, and he walks on the split ends.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Kind Lady—Here is an old dress coat of my husband's that you might wear.

Tramp—What, before sundown? No, madam, I appreciate the kindly intention which has prompted you to offer me this small token, but—a dress coat before sundown! Has it indeed come to this? and gathering the remnants of a flannel shirt around him, he strode majestically away and was soon lost to view.—Clothier and Furnisher.

Mrs. Penn—William, I read in the paper the other day that if I would send a dollar to the advertiser a sure cure for dandruff would be forwarded me.

Mr. Penn—Well?

Mrs. Penn—I sent the dollar and what do you think I received?

Mr. Penn—Oh, I don't know. Some useless stuff, I suppose.

Mrs. Penn—The wretch advised me to shave my head.—Chicago Times.

NEW YORK OPINION OF CARPENTER.

New York Times: In the triangular contest for the senatorship in Montana it is said that the opponents of Col. Sanders, who have been divided between two candidates, have decided to abandon both and unite on B. Platt Carpenter. By a combination with Lee Mantle, the aspirant from the western part of the state for the other seat in the senate, they hope to beat Sanders and elect Carpenter, though how they are to accomplish it with the present political deadlock in the legislature is not apparent. It will seem very queer to New Yorkers if Mr. B. Platt Carpenter is regarded in Montana as a strong man to get the republicans of that infant state out of their difficulties. Possibly his record is not familiar to the people out there. Here he is remembered as having first come into prominence in the legislature as the tool of the politicians who tried to defeat the demand of the people of this city to have the street-cleaning taken from the police department and put upon an independent footing. After that he was forced upon the state ticket with Folger in 1882 by the same machine politicians whom he had so obediently served, and was crushed by the unparalleled majority of 196,000, running considerably behind the ticket which the people so ruthlessly "knocked out" because of the arrogant dictation of the politicians who made it. Not long after that, Carpenter concluded to leave the state and its politics for their own good, and has been lost to the sight and memory of his compatriots until he lately appeared in the ruffled politics of Montana. If that young state wishes to give the impression that it has only the poorest material for United States senators, it cannot do better than choose Carpenter for one of them.

Gamblers and Electricity.

It has recently been suggested that instead of using the rack, so well known to trans-Atlantic travellers, that the dishes might be held on the table during rough weather by means of electricity. This would be accomplished by the use of a number of electro-magnets placed immediately below the table cover, which could be made by closing an electric circuit, to powerfully attract the various dishes, they having been provided with iron bottoms.

A similar device, observes the Electrical Review, has been designed by certain gamblers who, like the rest of the world, are quick to avail themselves of electrical aids. The loaded dice of the day have the same specific gravity, but have a piece of iron inserted opposite the side which is wanted to turn up, so that when thrown on an ordinary table they are governed only by the law of chance, but when cast on the magnetic table at the gambling den can be made to turn up "three sixes" or not at the will of the person controlling the secret button connecting the battery with the electro-magnets.

The Fair.

The Sisters of Charity will open their fair on the 19th inst. in one of the large halls of the Granite block, on Main street. The ladies in charge, having made arrangements at the last meeting as to the details, will do everything on their part to make it a success. The friends of the institution of St. Vincent's Academy have liberally responded by handsome donations and much good will, for which they return their sincere thanks.

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